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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SALE OF HANDGUNS AND M16A1 RIFLES
TO GHANA

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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH RECOMMENDATION MADE IN PARA 4
REFTEL. WE WILL WITHHOLD APPROVAL ON THE HANDGUN SALE
PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE EMBASSY ON THE
INTENDED USE OF THE OBSOLETE HANDGUNS.

2. DEPARTMENT IS ALSO REVIEWING A MUNITIONS CONTROL
APPLICATION FROM COLT INDUSTRIES REQUESTING AN ADVISORY
OPINION ON POTENTIAL SALE OF M16A1 RIFLES TO GHANAIAAN
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MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. COMPANY STATES THAT POTENTIAL
VALUE OF SALE COULD EXCEED \$7,000,000, BUT THIS IS STANDARD
STATEMENT MADE IN APPLICATIONS INVOLVING MAJOR DEFENSE
EQUIPMENT. (AT CURRENT PRICES, \$7,000,000 WOULD PURCHASE
APPROXIMATELY 20,000 RIFLES WITH ACCESSORIES.)

3. IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY RAISED BY PARA 3(B) OF REFTTEL,

REQUEST POST ALSO INQUIRE ABOUT POTENTIAL USE OF M16A1
RIFLES AND WHAT EFFECT PURCHASE MIGHT HAVE ON DISPOSITION
OF OTHER RIFLES NOW IN GOG HANDS. PLEASE SEEK TO ASCERTAIN

INTENDED USE FOR NEW RIFLES AND LIKELY QUANTITY TO BE
PURCHASED. REQUEST YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON SALE. (FYI:
REPORTEDLY COLT INDUSTRIES HAS HAD NO RECENT REQUEST
FOR M-16'S FROM GHANA, BUT REQUEST ADVISORY OPINION TO BE
PREPARED TO BE RESPONSIVE SHOULD OPPORTUNITY FOR GHANA
SALE MATERIALIZE AND IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH SECTION
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